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1. The airfield was located at the southwestern edge of the town of VORONNEZH (39°12'E/51°38'N) (MOSCOW MD), southwest of the main Railroad Station. It had no runway.† There were two newly constructed hangars at the eastern edge of the field. More hangars or barracks could not be identified, since the other installations at the edge of the airfield could not be told from the installations of the adjacent aircraft engine plant.
2. More than a hundred planes were often parked at the field. There was a great deal of flying.
3. The following aircraft types were definitely determined:
 - a. U-2s, from which parachute jumps were often practiced.
 - b. IL-2s; three-bladed propeller, noticeably high cowling of pilot seat.
 - c. Twin-engine transport aircraft; in-line engines mounted in the wings; low-wing monoplane, all-metal construction, single rudder assembly, blunt nose with cockpit. *
 - d. Yak-9s; one-place fighter, low-wing monoplane, in-line engine, mixed construction, single rudder assembly, retractable landing gear and tail wheel.
 - e. Yak-4s; double rudder assembly, two in-line engines mounted in the wings, strikingly long engine cowlings. **
 - f. A novel type of transport aircraft with nose wheel, first observed at the field in September 1948; twin-engine, low-wing monoplane, in-line engine projecting far beyond leading edge of wing, wings set at about mid-fuselage, oval wing tips, all-metal construction, very plump fuselage, cigar-shaped, without windows, doors not discernible, retractable landing gear under wings, retractable nose wheel, oval rudder assembly (as far as could be

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remembered), strikingly large landing lights, comparatively fast and very maneuverable.***

Comment: [redacted] confirmed the existence of an airfield with an aircraft engine factory at the southwestern edge of Voronezh.

According to available information, a flying school for bomber and transport aircraft is stationed at this airfield. Formation flying and blind and night flying are also practiced there. The data on the occupation of the field by various types of aircraft, mostly twin-engine, supports the previous assumption that a flying school is located in Voronezh.

* Probably LI-2.

** Possibly PE-2.

*** Probably IL-12.

Ø [redacted]

Comment:
† [redacted] reports a concrete runway on this field.

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